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CROP PROSPECTS IMPROVE

An improvement of 159 million bushels in the prospective corn crop highlighted general advances in the nation's crops during July. The U. S. Department of Agriculture now forecasts the third largest volume of crops in history.

Crop forecasts included record crops of wheat, oats, peanuts, rice, peaches, pecans, and truck crops; near-record crops of hay, tobacco, soybeans, sugar cane, and some fruits; and big crops of potatoes, grain sorghums, and flaxseed.

Judging from the August 1 estimates, there will be no feed shortages to plague producers of meat, eggs, and dairy products.

--TO HOLD THE SOIL

AAA payments for soil conservation practices totaled $278,067,113 during the past fiscal year. The payments, which assisted farmers conserve the nation's soil, cover only a part of the work.

AAA conservation payments in New Mexico totaled $3,415,000 in 1944.

DAIRY COWS SET RECORD

If America's dairy cows had any notion that the war was coming to an end, they kept it strictly to themselves as they continued record-breaking tactics.

Milk production on farms during July smashed all past performances for the month, despite a two percent drop in the number of milk cows on farms.

WOOL PRODUCTION DOWN

Supplies of U. S. wool are moving closer to demand this year.

U. S. shorn wool production in 1945 is estimated at 322,621,000 pounds--seven percent smaller than in 1944 and eighteen percent below the record production of 1942. It's the smallest production since 1928.

Meanwhile, world demand for wool is expected to be considerably stronger than in recent years because of the reopening of import markets in continental Europe.

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KNOW THE LAMB PAYMENT PROGRAM

Understanding the provisions of the sheep and lamb production payment program is the only way sheepmen can be sure of collecting the subsidy or an equivalent price, according to A. D. Woofter of the State AAA Committee.

These points are important, Mr. Woofter says: 1) the subsidy goes to the person owning the sheep and lambs at the time of sale to a legally authorized slaughterer for slaughter; 2) the payment rate should be announced prior to each sale; 3) buyers should certify whether animals are purchased for slaughter.

EUROPE FACES DIFFICULT WINTER

Liberated areas in Europe face serious shortages of food, clothing, and heat this winter.

According to the Office of War Information, Europe will produce less food this season than during the war years. "They'll need about 12,000,000 tons of food from the outside, and Europe's chief food needs are those that are in short supply throughout the world--meats, fats and oils, and sugar."

NO QUOTAS FOR 1946 WHEAT

Wheat farmers can plant their 1946 crops with the knowledge that acreage allotments and marketing quota won't be in effect during the marketing year that began July 1.

This year, as in recent years, need for high production makes the establishment of marketing quotas unnecessary. Acreage allotments are dispensed with "to encourage the production of a sufficient supply of food to maintain normal domestic consumption."

OIL!

Imports of Argentine flaxseed and Philippine copra may afford some relief of the critical shortage of fats and oils next year, the USDA reports. The shortage is world wide.

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